

Protecting Ohio's Families



Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and Academy



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Dear Colleagues and Fellow Ohioans,

My office's Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and Commission play vital roles in protecting Ohio families by helping to ensure that our state's law enforcement officers are well-prepared for their work in communities across the state.

The commission sets the state's peace officer training and compliance standards and monitors instruction at Ohio's many basic training academies. It also oversees the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, which provides hundreds of advanced law enforcement courses — most at no cost to local departments — through regional, online, and on-campus offerings.

Instructors use the latest technology, research, and teaching methods to deliver in-depth courses on a wide range of topics. As experienced teachers and working law enforcement professionals, they are in lock-step with the training needs of local departments.

Ohio's time-strapped and budget-conscious law enforcement agencies need training programs that are effective, cost-efficient, and convenient. My office understands that, and we're working hard every day to deliver courses that meet the needs of Ohio peace officers and the communities they heroically serve.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike DeWine'.

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OPOTA offers unparalleled training

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) is a national leader in advanced law enforcement training. Recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the academy offers an array of excellent training options to meet the diverse needs of Ohio's law enforcement community.

Mobile Academy takes training directly to agencies

OPOTA's Mobile Academy provides flexible, convenient training at or near local law enforcement agencies. It employs the best available technology along with subject-matter experts to serve as instructors.

Firearms and use-of-force training is offered on state-of-the-art simulators that can be set up in minutes within local training sites. Featuring high-definition video, recoil weapons, and other realistic equipment, the simulators offer hundreds of scenarios, drills, and exercises.

Driving simulators help officers improve decision-making related to traffic stops, pursuits, emergency responses, and vehicle handling. Programmable dashboards replicate those of all popular cruisers. The simulators are housed in comfortable, climate-controlled trailers that can be situated near local agencies.

The Mobile Academy also offers hundreds of classroom courses at convenient venues across the state. Faculty members are veteran instructors, working law enforcement professionals, medical personnel, and others who regularly practice what they teach. They use the latest research and teaching practices to meet ever-evolving law enforcement needs.



eOPOTA provides online instruction 24/7

More than 70 courses are available free and around the clock through a secure Internet link on the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway at **www.OHLEG.org**. Peace officers and other authorized users can take courses focusing on criminal investigations, legal issues, human trafficking, patrol and operations, homeland security, and more.

Three campuses offer wide range of courses

Courses on an array of topics are available at three modern OPOTA venues. The academy's main campus in London features classrooms, a scenario house, double rooms for overnight stays, a gym, fitness center, and cafeteria. The Tactical Training Center, also in London, offers a 1.8-mile driving track, interactive driving simulators, and an indoor/outdoor firing range. The satellite campus in Richfield features modern classrooms and a large auditorium.



Commission oversees Ohio training

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) shapes the training and compliance standards for more than 33,000 peace officers who serve the state's nearly 1,000 law enforcement agencies.

In addition to overseeing OPOTA, the commission approves and monitors all Ohio schools offering peace officer basic training and sets the professional standards for corrections officers, bailiffs, jailers, private security officers, adult parole officers, probation officers, humane agents, public defender investigators, and law enforcement canine units.



In a typical year, the commission:

- Oversees about 600 basic training school openings
- Maintains compliance records for approximately 7,000 basic academy instructors
- Administers more than 2,700 basic final exams
- Issues about 6,000 basic training certificates and approximately 600 canine unit certificates

The commission includes an executive director, legal counsel, and nine members. By statute, those members include:

- Two sheriffs
- Two chiefs of police
- An Ohio State Highway Patrol representative
- A member of the public
- A Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent who leads an Ohio field office
- An Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation representative
- An Ohio Department of Education representative



Electronic Resources

- **Online Registration:** Officers can register for regional and on-campus courses at **www.OHLEG.org**. Once their designated agency approver OKs the request, the officer and approver receive e-mail confirmations. Agencies may activate their registration accounts by sending an e-mail inquiry to **OPOTARegistration@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov**.
- **Ohio Law Enforcement Directory:** This electronic directory at **www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTA** provides contact information for Ohio police chiefs and sheriffs and links to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, state agencies, and Ohio correctional facilities.
- **Contact Information Updates:** A convenient form at **www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTAUpdate** allows officers to share contact information to receive important communications.
- **Regional Training Alerts:** OPOTA alerts officers to Mobile Academy regional courses by e-mail. Sign up for notices at **www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/OPOTAUpdate**.
- **E-mail communications:**

Agencies and the public can contact OPOTA with general, certification, and training questions at **askOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov**.

To register for or learn details about OPOTA courses, e-mail **OPOTARegistration@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov**.

To transmit agency changes of officer status or new appointments, e-mail **SF400@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov**.

The Ohio Fallen Officers' Memorial

The most poignant setting on OPOTA's main campus is the Ohio Fallen Officers' Memorial Wall. Etched in its stone are the names of the more than 700 Ohio peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty since 1823.

The memorial's three walls form a broken circle: two inscribed with the names of fallen officers and a third offering space for visitors to reflect. An eternal flame at the heart of the memorial symbolizes Ohio's commitment to the memory of the brave men and women honored there.



Each May, the Ohio Attorney General's Peace Officer Training Commission hosts the Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, which honors officers who died in the line of duty the preceding year as well as historical inductees nominated by their departments. Family members and peace officers from across the state attend to pay tribute to the honorees in a solemn outdoor ceremony near the Ohio Fallen Officers' Memorial Wall.





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